

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-13, 16 and 18-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 20-25 have been added to more clearly define the invention. The claims presently in the application are 3-4, 6, 14-15 and 20-25. Support for the new claims and for the amendment to the specification is found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims and further examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants' independent claims 20 and 22 both require the seating system to be configured for forward movement of the seat tray and pivoting of the leg support caused by tone extension of the user to be accomplished without requiring manual operation. The previously applied references to Hendrickson and Dodge both require manual operation for reclining. See Hendrickson at column 1, lines 51-54, and Dodge at page 2, lines 18-24. Obviously, when a wheelchair user is experiencing extension tone, the user is in no condition to manually release catches or press springs, and therefore the disclosure of either the Hendrickson or Dodge references would be inadequate for the purpose of providing an operable seating system for such a user. Therefore, Applicants' invention, as defined in the independent claims, is patentable over the references. Since the independent claims are patentable over the references, for at least this reason the dependent claims are also patentable. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of all the remaining claims.